Year	Amount (in Rs. Lakhs)
1998-1999	130.53
1999-2000	127.18
2000-2001	129.42
TOTAL	387.13

Grant for restructuring APCO

3180. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought matching grant for restructuring APCO; and

(b) if so, the assistance proposed to be given to primary weavers societies/ APCO for various schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a project proposal under the strengthening of Handloom Organizations component of the Deen Dayal Hathkarga Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) involving a cost of Rs. 44.94 crore. The cost of the project was to be shared between the Centre and the State, the Central share being Rs. 21.99 crores and the State's Rs. 23.00 crore.

The project proposal of the APCO did not specify about the action taken by them in respect of streamlining business policies, downsizing the man power and did not contain a project duly approved by a Bank/Financial Institution. Besides, the State Government had not made necessary provisions in their budget towards their share of the project.

The proposal submitted by the State Government envisaged cost towards assistance for downsizing/rationalizing the manpower of APCO, stock disposal through rebate, publicity and advertisement, rent, electricity, transport, sales and other incentives and showroom renovation which the restructuring

component of the scheme did not provide for. The State Govt, had been requested to submit a revised proposal. The State Government has submitted a revised proposal, which also is not in conformity with the guidelines. The State Government has again been requested to recast the proposal and submit if for further consideration of the Government of India.

In so far as assistance proposed to be given to the Primary Weavers Societies/APCO for various schemes is concerned, it may be mentioned that the Government of India is implementing a number of schemes for the development of the handloom sector and the welfare of handloom weavers throughout the country which include:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Mill Gate Price Scheme
3. Setting up of Marketing Complex.
4. Publicity and Exhibition Scheme.
5. Development of Exportable products and their Marketing.
6. Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme.
7. Health Package Scheme.
8. Group Insurance Scheme.
9. Thrift fund Scheme.
10. Setting up of Enforcement Machinery.
11. National Centre for Textile Design.

The Government of India considers the proposals drawn in conformity with the guidelines of the above schemes and duly forwarded by the State Government for realease of Central assistance.